

# ARMFIELD



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### Armfield Entrances Get a Facelift Just In Time For Spring

Just in time for spring, the HOA Board has approved a proposal submitted by STM Landscape Services, Inc., to rejuvenate all four entrances to the community.

At the March Board monthly meeting, STM designers presented various options for upgrading the landscaping, incorporating uniform flora and colors at the Armfield Farm Drive, Springhaven Drive, Bokel Drive and Bellerose entrances to promote unity and a cohesive Armfield identity.

The Board elected to put the entire landscaping proposal into immediate effect, as opposed to phasing it in over two to three years. The benefits of one-time installation are two-fold: First, the community will see a dramatic improvement in landscaping this spring; second, STM offered a significant discount for its services to incorporate all landscaping at one time.

Responding to community suggestions, the Board directed STM to make flowering plants in colorful beds a priority. Flowering perennials will be incorporated into beds in which new trees and shrubs will replace the existing juniper, and a beautiful liriopie border will add to the effect.

An Amur Maple, resplendent in red and yellow shades in the fall, will be planted at the Armfield Farm Drive entrance, the only entrance large enough for a tree of this size and the most publically visible entrance. This deciduous tree has dark, glossy green foliage in the summer. Fragrant white flowers appear in April and May.

Shrubs selected for all entrances include Rutger's Pyracantha, an evergreen with showy orange-red fruits in the fall, and Little Princess Spiraea with its flat clusters of rose-colored flowers in the summer. In addition, all beds will be planted with these perennials: moonbeam Coreopsis, a drought-tolerant plant which produces an abundance of delicate yellow flowers throughout the summer; Big Blue Liriopie with deep green foliage through summer and into winter, and lavender flowers in the fall; Dwarf Pennisetum Grass, a cascading ornamental grass with flower plumes blooming in mid-summer and persisting into the fall; Salvia Blue Hills, a long-blooming perennial with blue spike-like flowers; and Purple Coneflower which has beautiful purple petals.

STM will begin installing the new plants shortly. Look out for glorious floral displays soon!

**Special Annual Meeting Update**  
**New Zoning, Schools**  
**See pages 8-9**

# Community Update

## Community Yard Sale?

The next Community Yard Sale *may* be held on **May 9 from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm**, however, a couple of volunteers are needed to assist with posting signs and possibly contacting Purple Heart or other resources to come through the neighborhood afterward to assist with "clean-up." In the last issue a plea for assistance was made and no one has yet volunteered, so your faithful organizer is asking again. Assistance in making this event successful is needed.

This is an opportunity to capitalize on great bargains or visit neighbors if you have nothing to sell. Clean out those closets and halls and sell unused items for a few extra dollars. By combining our efforts into one big community sale we can attract many potential buyers. Get your kids involved and assist them in setting up refreshment stands on the sidewalks for those weary bargain hunters.

Sandwich boards with signs advertising our community sale should be up at the community entrances at least two weeks prior to the sale to draw in the masses.

Start preparing. All residents are invited to participate, simply get your things ready in advance and put them out in your driveway or yard on May 9. Price things before the sale, have some extra cash on hand to make change, and be prepared to negotiate prices. "Hard-core yard sale addicts" will arrive early, so be prepared.

If you do not have much to sell, talk with a neighbor and see if you can move your things to his yard instead. The more stuff a home has for sale the more customers it will draw. Cul-de-sac residents need to be prepared to post direction signs to let buyers know they are there. Buyers like to stay on the main roads.

Please note that volunteering to assist your organizer is not required to participate nor does anyone need to call in advance to sign-up. This is a *free* community powered event. But if you *can* offer some support, *please* contact **Jeannette Borneman, 707-0394**.

## Recent Board Activities

By **Dan Gordon, Armfield HOA Secretary, 709-8237**

The following notes are taken from the minutes of the Board's meetings during the past couple of months. This is not a comprehensive list of all actions taken, but a good summation. If you have questions about anything mentioned in this column, please contact me or one of the Board members.

**Administrative** Violation Letters were sent to homeowners for the following reasons: 2 letters were sent regarding trash cans stored in front of the house. 2 letters were sent regarding rotted garage door panels. 1 letter was sent regarding a pet violation; 1 letter was sent regarding a non-standard mailbox; 1 letter was sent regarding an unauthorized paint color change; 1 letter was sent regarding a torn window screen.

STM, the Association's landscape contractor resubmitted proposals for new landscaping at all of the Association's entrances, which the Board approved.

Board member Rob Strupp submitted his resignation, effective at the conclusion of the April annual meeting.

The Board is waiting for a reply from Supervisor Michael Frey (R-Sully) regarding a formal request to VDOT for two four-way stop intersections in our community.

**Operations** Proposals for painting and renovation work to the pool house for completion in the Spring are being submitted to the Board. A proposal from Chesapeake Design, for preparation of a reserve study for the Association, was presented and approved by the Board. Management has arranged for a contractor to remove graffiti on the bench at the torched tot lot. In addition, a "No Motorized Vehicles" sign has been ordered for replacement at the entrance to this area. Management has arranged for the completion of all pool-area repair work and Spring cleaning.

**Financial** Two debtor status reports from the Association's attorney were presented to the Board. Financial statements for the end of 1997, as well as for January and February were presented to the Board, and approved.

# Board's Corner

By Deborah Broderick, Armfield HOA President, 709-8360

Come one, come all to our Annual Homeowners Association meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Lees Corner Elementary School. Win a door prize, register for the pool and swim team, submit last-minute spring flower orders, and learn something: Will your child attend Chantilly High School? When and where is the new high school going to be built? How can you keep informed? Did you hear about the amusement park that received zoning approval in Chantilly recently? Did the County lease a new ball field to CYA? Where is it and when can we use it? Tell us what's bothering you or sign up for swim team. Just be there!

In the latest school news affecting Armfield residents, West County Middle School will open its doors this fall to rising 7th and 8th grade students who presently attend Crossfield (except for Fox Mill Woods residents), Floris, Fox Mill and Hutchison (residents south of the Toll Road only) elementary schools. Gifted and Talented (GT) students who reside in the Crossfield (except for Fox Mill Woods residents), Floris, Fox Mill, Hutchison (residents south of the Toll Road only), Lees Corner, Navy, Oak Hill and Waples Mill elementary schools will also attend West County, starting this fall. Franklin Middle School will receive rising 7th grade students from the Winding Brook and Rockland Village portions of Brookfield

Elementary, Dulles Meadows and Walney Oaks portions of Poplar Tree Elementary, and the Miller Heights portion of Waples Mill Elementary.

Two Board members' terms expire this year: Dan Gordon and Mauricio Herman. The Board has enjoyed the contributions of both of these members and we hope you will come out and show your support for them again this year.

On a sad note, past Board president Rob Strupp has decided to resign. We appreciate his efforts and contributions over the past five years. He will certainly be missed. The Board extends a big "thank you" to Rob and his family for the time he devoted to serving this community.

At time of writing, only one new candidate had expressed an interest in serving our community. John Mullins is a nine-year Armfield resident, father of four (recently the Mullins family expanded with twin boys) and, in his spare time, a civil servant to the Federal EPA.

Are you interested in running for the Board? Know anyone who is interested? We'd love to hear from you. Moreover, we'd love for you to support your community just by coming to the annual meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, don't forget to send in your proxy. Your vote means a lot to us!

We look forward to seeing you April 21st.

## Breakfast Club

A new breakfast club is currently forming in the Fair Oaks area. The club meets every Wednesday morning from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at a local restaurant. Professionals and businesses conducting business in Chantilly, Centreville, Herndon, west Fairfax and surrounding areas are invited to join. There is no cost, other than the price of one's own weekly breakfast!

The purpose of the club is to generate and share pre-qualified business leads for club members. Only one representative from each type of business will be allowed to join, so a member Realtor or dentist, for instance, wouldn't have to compete against other similar professionals.

Each meeting will give club members the opportunity to share information about their businesses and customers or clients.

If you are interested in a relaxed and friendly networking circle call **Liz** at 471-9089.

## Editors' Notes

By Jo Gordon, 709-8237, and  
Jeannette Borneman, 707-0394

Spring is upon us. Gardeners are getting busy, kids emerge from behind closed doors, the swim team makes a splash, and the Annual HOA Meeting on April 21 will get the community revved up.

Support our Board: Attend the Association's annual meeting on April 21st and make an active contribution to your community.

Support our swim team: You don't have to have a child on the team to show up and cheer at meets, Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. And don't forget to purchase your flowers from the swim team's annual fundraiser.

Support our covenants: Walk through your property and make sure that additions or renovation plans comply with Armfield regulations.

See you in the cafeteria at Lees Corner Elementary on April 21st. There's much to talk about and much to learn about our community.

# Swim Team

## News...

### In The Swim Of Things

By Deborah Broderick, Armfield Farm Swim Team President, 709-8360

Swim season begins just after Memorial Day, which is not that far away! Sign ups will take place at the HOA Annual Meeting, Tuesday, April 21st and Saturday, May 2nd at the pool between 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Nearly everyone in this community plants spring flowers. We hope you will support our swim team by purchasing your flowers from us. Marie Vanderhoof has done a fabulous job in securing competitive prices and quality plants from Meadows Farms. They deliver our plants right to the pool in time for planting (May 2nd). Return your spring flower order form by April 15th (order form is on page 11). Late orders will be accepted at the HOA meeting on April 21st.

If you are new to Armfield or just need some information about our swim team, please contact Wanda Rixon at 471-9850, or attend our Swim Team Kick-Off Social on May 29th at the pool.

Briefly, the Armfield Stingrays is our neighborhood team. We are members of the Colonial Swim League and we compete against neighboring teams on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Our Swim Team Board hires head and assistant coaches each year who conduct practice every weekday from Memorial Day through July. Children ages 5 through 18 may participate. Any child who can swim one length of the pool is welcome to join the team. It's a short season, but great fun for kids and parents. So check us out!

The cost for signing up has increased slightly, but is still the best bargain in town. Coaches are simply asking for more money these days and they are getting it from other teams. To stay competitive, we have to pay more too. Aside from coaches' salaries, we also have to pay league fees, insurance for each swimmer, and for supplies such as ribbons, clip boards, watches, lane lines, etc.

The fees are:

**First child: \$60.00**  
**Second child: \$40.00**  
**Third+ child: \$20.00**

The Armfield Farm Swim Team Board consists of seven parents. There are also several committees.

At the end of this season, four Board members' terms will expire: Deborah Broderick, Rosellen Mathey, Keith Poulson and Mary Giel. Nominations will be accepted throughout the swim season and an election will be held at our year-end party, tentatively scheduled for July 26. More information will follow.

#### Swim Team Board

Deborah Broderick	President	709-8360
Wanda Rixon	Vice President	471-9850
Rosellen Mathey	Treasurer	318-1950
Michael Kovalcik	Secretary	318-0677
Keith Poulson	League Rep.	378-9606
Cheryl Caslavka	Fundraising Chair	435-3939
Mary Giel	Committee Chair	742-9442

The Coach Selection Committee is still in the process of interviewing coaches. They hope to make an offer any day now.

Two years ago, we instituted a program where each swim team family contributed \$20.00 toward concessions. Cheryl Caslavka does a great job running concessions. Each year we can count on significant income from our concessions and this year we expect even better results as we will have more home meets.

Thanks to Lynne Lewicki, editor of the Stingray News, for keeping us informed last season and for agreeing to be our editor again this year. This one-page publication is printed weekly during swim season and distributed to all participating families. It's a great way to stay informed!

Swim Team Committee Teams		
Membership Committee		
Eleanor Weaver and Mary Giel	742-9442	
Volunteer Committee		
Maureen Polivka	742-6121	
Social Committee		
Val Pacini and Karen Baker		
Newspage Committee		
Lynne Lewicki	689-4807	
Coach Selection Committee		
Maureen Polivka, Patsy Magnus and Eleanor Weaver		

With 90 swimmers on our team and only two paid positions, volunteers are our life line. To eliminate duplication of effort and to ensure adequate coverage at all times for our children, it will be necessary for each family to volunteer for several events throughout the season. Maureen Polivka did a super job last year organizing our volunteers. She too has agreed to continuing these efforts this year. If you would like to volunteer to serve in any capacity—timer, ribbon writer, stroke and turn judge, set up/clean up, concessions—please designate your preference when signing up for team membership, or call Maureen Polivka at 742-6121.

Although not set in stone, our tentative calendar is posted here.

April 21	HOA Annual Meeting; Sign-up for swim team
May 2	Swim Registration Day; pick up flower orders; sign up for volunteer positions; submit swim suit orders; last opportunity to sign up for swim team
May 26	Daily practice begins at 4:00 p.m.
May 29	Swim Team Kick-Off Social; opportunity to obtain team information; meet parents and other swimmers; sign up for volunteer positions
June 13	Time trials at 8:00 a.m.
June 20	First swim meet—away at Chincopin
June 24	First Wednesday meet—home at Franklin Farm
June 27	Away at Country Side
July 1	Away at Chantilly Highlands
July 4	Home at Franklin Glen
July 8	Away at Sequoia Farms
July 11	Home at Sequoia Farms
July 12	Relay Carnival at Fort Meyer
July 15	Home at Franklin Glen
July 18	Home at Burke Center
July 25	Divisional Meet location TBD
July 26	End of Season Party
August 1	All Stars Meet

## Consumer Product Safety Commission & Recalls

Last month the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission released 16 press releases regarding the recall and safety information on various commercial products on the market today. Most noteworthy for parents to heed are the changes in the Flammable Fabrics Act pertaining to childrens sleepwear, the recall of the Evenflo On My Way Infant Car Seats/ Carriers, Fisher-Price recall of popular Infant Toys, and the recall of the Norco Products USA Bike Passenger Trailers, all summarized here.

**Flamable Fabrics Amendment** This new amendment gives more specific guidelines on using oversized cotton daywear clothing for sleepwear. The purpose is to protect an annual estimated 300 emergency room-related burn injuries to children.

**Infant Car Seats** Evenflo is recalling 800,000 of its On My Way Infant Car Seats/ Carriers (model numbers 207 and 492). The latching mechanism in the carrying handle will unexpectedly release causing the carrier to flip if being hand-held or becoming free from the base unit if used as a car seat. Serious injuries have been reported. Owners should stop using this unit and contact **Evenflo** at 1 800 203-2138 to receive a free repair kit.

**Bike Passenger Trailers** Norco Products USA is recalling 450 of their bike trailers designed to carry one or two small children. Metal fatigue in the hitch components could cause the trailer to break loose from the bike and serious injuries to young passengers. For information on free repairs, call **Norco** at 1 800 521-9088.

**Fisher-Price Infant Toys** A recent popular infant toy, a kitchen refrigerator magnet in the shape of a large, partially eaten cookie is being recalled due to the magnet inadvertently falling off and causing a choking hazard. It was sold as a set of three called the Refrigerator Activity Magnet Set No. 71126. The Magic Motion Mobile No. 71153 is also being recalled because some of the pieces can fall off into the crib and injure infants. Remove these toys from your children and contact **Fisher-Price** for replacement at 1 888 407-6479.

You can read full press releases on these and other important safety news from the CPSCs web site <http://www.cpsc.gov> or call their hotline at 1 800 638-2772.





# Community Regulations

## Pool Registration Is Coming Soon

By Toni Koch, Property Manager, Armstrong Management Services, Inc., 385-1133

6 Hard to believe that it's almost time for pool registration! The Pool Registration Packets were mailed to all owners (not tenants) on April 1st. Please read your entire packet very carefully. Do not throw it away! The registration procedures, instructions on filling out the forms, and which forms you need to fill out, are all clearly explained in your registration packet. Instructions on pool entry procedures and the 1998 pool rules also are included, so hold on to your packet throughout the season for reference. Even if you registered last year, you still must submit a 1998 pool registration form in order to enter the pool this year.

The pool opens on Saturday, May 23rd. In order to guarantee that your pool registration is processed on time for opening day, return your form by no later than May 1st. Registrations returned after the pool has opened for the season will be processed as quickly as possible. However, it may take a few days, so you might not be able to enter the pool on the same day.

The following is a summary of the pool registration procedures. Please note the different procedures which must be followed for tenants and off-site owners. Again, read your Pool Registration Packet completely before you return your registration form. Still have questions, please contact Toni Koch at 385-1133, extension 3228, or Valerie Hockensmith at extension 3218.

Note: Assessments must be current before registrations are processed!

### Registration Procedures

1. Complete and return the pool registration form to Armstrong Management Services as soon as possible and no later than May 1st. One form may be used for all members of your household (see below for "household" definition).
2. All pool passes will be maintained on file at the pool - pool passes will not be sent in the mail.

3. For the purposes of the pool registration application, a household is defined as follows: A household may consist of persons living in a dwelling for more than six months of the year, or of children that are college students or are from a previous marriage and will be residing with you for the summer. All will be considered part of the household. Grandchildren or other children who do not reside in the home may not be considered part of the household, and will instead be required to enter the pool as guests.

### Off-Site Owner/Tenant Registration

1. If your home is leased and you desire pool privileges for your tenant(s), a Non-Resident Homeowner Statement must be completed by the owner and signed by both the owner and tenant. The owner will be transferring his pool privileges to his tenant, and the owner will not be able to use the pool.
2. A completed and signed Non-Resident Statement, Pool Registration Form, and Pool Rules should be forwarded by the owner to the tenant.
3. The tenant must fill out the pool registration form, and both forms must be returned in order for the tenant to be registered for the pool. If both forms are not filled out, signed, and returned, the tenant will not be registered for the pool.

### Child Care Registration

The Association will allow residents who provide child care for children who do not live in Armfield to purchase pool memberships for these children in lieu of buying a guest pass every day. A \$35 membership fee must be paid for each child (12 and under) and written permission must be obtained from their parents granting permission to use the pool and stating that they will hold Armfield Community Association harmless in the event of an accident/injury to the child. This type of membership would only be good on weekdays between the hours of pool opening to 5:00 p.m.

## Welcome To Armfield

Please take a minute to welcome our new neighbors. Between June 24, 1997, and March 6, 1998, the following people purchased homes in Armfield (listed in order of settlement dates):

Nguyen/Luu, 13648 Bellerose Drive  
White, 13533 Leith Court  
Baker, 3827 Dittany Court  
Nguyen/Vu, 3525 Armfield Farm Drive  
Donnelly, 3534 Armfield Farm Drive  
Range, 13722 Rosetree Court  
Nelson, 13716 Rosetree Court  
Bonner, 13640 Bellerose Drive  
Rhoads, 13621 Clary Sage Drive  
Moore, 13605 Hampstead Court  
McCullough, 3665 Beech Down Drive  
Fuentes, 13613 Clary Sage Drive  
Conroy, 3627 Beech Down Drive  
Sherrier, 13708 Southernwood Court  
Pham, 3872 Beech Down Drive  
Oliver, 13602 Gladwyn Court  
Jones/Tavakoli, 13618 Clary Sage Drive  
Machida, 13601 Brockmeyer Court  
Ahmed/Iqubal, 3638 Paoli Court  
Ward, 3612 Windmoore Court  
Skoletsky, 13604 Hampstead Court  
Beruete, 3809 Beech Down Drive  
Kim/Lee, 3858 Beech Down Drive  
Donaldson, 3838 Beech Down Drive  
Phung, 13709 Springhaven Drive  
Seliqini, 13511 Leith Court  
Koval/Wolken, 13629 Old Chatwood Place

Make these newcomers feel at home by stopping by and introducing yourself. A homemade cake on move-in day is always a wonderful treat. Let's make an extra effort to reach out to new Armfielders when we see those moving trucks roll in!

## Thanks and Good Luck to Rob Strupp

Rob Strupp was appointed to the Armfield HOA Board in mid-1993 as a member-at-large. At the next election in 1994, the Board elected him President, a position he held for three years until Deborah Broderick succeeded him following the 1997 Annual Meeting. For the past year, Rob has been member-at-large.

For five years, Rob has contributed to this community's smooth running. Feeling it is time to pass the baton, Rob has resigned from his elected office, effective from the Annual Meeting of the Association in April.

Rob's expertise and commitment will be missed.

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## Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Doug and Elizabeth Wagstaff** and little brother **Michael** of Beech Down Drive on the recent arrival of baby **Elizabeth Hanson**. She weighed in at a healthy 6.5 lbs and was 19 and 7/8 in. long.

If you have a recent addition to your family that you would like to announce to the community, please contact an editor.

# Annual HOA Meeting!

## Running for Office

*Three members of the Armfield HOA have been nominated for positions on the Board. Their bios, as submitted to Armstrong Management Services, Inc., follow:*

### JOHN MULLINS

I have over 18 years of experience in organizational development, total quality and human resources management at the federal and local governmental levels. Much of my time is devoted to leading executive-level teams toward improved organizational and leadership performance, conducting inter-governmental reengineering efforts involving business and public interest groups, and participating in government-wide benchmarking activities. In my managerial roles, I have been responsible for project management, budget, personnel administration and information technology.

I have an undergraduate degree from the University of San Diego and a master's degree in Public Administration from San Diego State University.

### MAURICIO HERMAN

Mauricio Herman is currently the Treasurer of the Association. He moved into the neighborhood in 1994, upon his marriage to Kathleen Cass, and was elected to the Board in 1995.

Mauricio is 67 years old and was born in Lima, Peru. He did his college work at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, FL, and graduate work, including a doctorate in Economics at the Catholic University in Lima. He came to the United States in 1961 as a Fulbright scholar, attending the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, and at the beginning of 1962 joined the staff of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington, DC, where he held different professional and executive positions for 27 years.

In 1989, he took early retirement and has dedicated himself to teaching and consulting in the area of international and development economics. For over 20 years he has taught at the School of Continuing Studies of the Johns Hopkins University, and upon retirement from the IDB became scholar-in-residence at the Department of Economics of American University. His consulting activities have taken him to many countries in Latin America (he speaks Spanish fluently), as well as to far-away places such as Rumania, Saudi Arabia and China.

On a more personal note, he and Kathleen have three children each from previous marriages. They share their home with Kathleen's sister, Sara, and her five-year-old daughter, Rachel. Both Kathleen and Sara work for the Fairfax County school system.

Mauricio and Kathleen love their home at 13616 Clary Sage Drive, and feel that the neighborhood of Armfield Farms is the ideal place to live they envisaged when they got married, and they are willing to work to keep it that way.

### DAN GORDON

When my family moved to this community in 1994, we were impressed by the obvious pride individual home owners took in their homes and gardens. One of the reasons we decided to live here was our anticipation that Armfield would provide a safe, clean and nurturing environment for our young children with its ample amenities and close proximity to fine public schools. We have not been disappointed. In an effort to make an active contribution to the community, I ran for a seat on the Board two years ago and have truly enjoyed the opportunity to serve my neighbors and friends in this capacity. Quite a bit of energy goes into managing a large home owners association, most of it behind the scenes. I was only able to fully appreciate the work and energy required of the Board and our management company once you elected me to the Board of Directors.

Under this Board's direction, this community has seen a resurgence of community activity. Some notable items are the relaunching of the community newsletter, the Neighborhood Watch program, and the annual garden contest. The issues I am most concerned with continue to be: The maintenance and upgrading of the Association's facilities, such as the pool and poolhouse which I would love to see become a fully integrated community center in the not-too-distant future; as well as the improvement of our tot lots where our children should be able to play safely and on high-quality equipment that will stand the test of time; the safety of our streets, particularly in areas where speeding has become an ongoing concern, and the security of our neighborhood which has been the victim of vicious vandalism too often; the commitment of all Association members to uphold the covenants of this community as they agreed to when purchasing their homes; and the emergence of a larger body of volunteers to actively participate in Neighborhood Watch, social activities and the committees which keep things running smoothly, sharing their voice in matters put before the Board.

My vision for Armfield is a community of neighbors in which we know each other, spend more time together, and take an active pride in the neighborhood by participating in its running. I would welcome the opportunity to continue serving you this year to help fulfill this vision.



## Rezoning of Adjacent Property

# How about a McDonald's or Mobil in Your Backyard?

On March 17, 1998, the Fairfax Zoning Office accepted rezoning and special exception applications from Chantilly 657 Associates LLC to rezone a parcel of land that borders Centreville Road and adjoins the Sully Place Shopping Center, for the purpose of building two fast food restaurants, a service station/mini-mart, a drive thru bank and drug store. The application asks that the property, which is currently zoned R-1, (one home per one acre) be changed to C-6 (commercial - retail).

If permitted, these fast food restaurants, gas station, etc. would be approximately 1000 feet from the homes on Southernwood Court and less than 300 feet from our neighbors homes on Louise Avenue. The service station/mini-mart would be authorized to be open 24 hours a day and the fast food restaurants would be open until midnight, or later, every night.

Keith Martin, the attorney representing the applicant, Chantilly 657 Associates, LLC has been invited to speak at our annual meeting on April 21 at Lees Corner Elementary School for the purpose of presenting plans and to answer questions. This information was not noted in the Special Notice sent to all homeowners regarding the Annual Meeting because it was received subsequent to that printing.

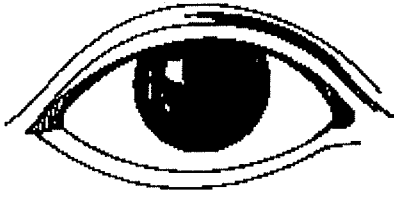
The next step in this process is for the Fairfax Zoning Office to assign a Planner to this application and to schedule a public hearing. The Planning Office will provide 30 days notice prior to the public hearing by posting a sign on the property, stating where and when the meeting will be held.

If you have any opinion on this issue it is important that you attend the public hearing. In addition, the Zoning Director asks that you send your written comments by **April 21, 1998**, to her, Barbara A. Byron, Director, Zoning Evaluation Division, Office of Comprehensive Planning, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia, and reference the following application No. **R21998-SU-013/SE98-Y-015/SE98-Y-013/SE98-Y-014/SE98-Y-016/SE98-Y-017**. To get more information you may call the Planning Division at 324-1210.

## Franklin Middle School On the Decline?

Remember Franklin Middle School — beautifully maintained, well equipped, exceptional instructional opportunities—rated one of the highest among Fairfax County Schools. This may all just be a memory if the school board has it's way. For years Franklin was overcrowded, but under Johnnie Hamilton's leadership the students thrived and excelled. Now that a new middle school has been built, Franklin will be underenrolled. Johnnie Hamilton is retiring and the many programs that were offered to our students are disappearing. In addition to cutting the staff, the school board is cutting classes. For the moment they will not offer Japanese, German, peer mediation or technology classes. In the past, many 8th graders taking these classes received high school credit for them. That will no longer be an option.

The staff at Franklin feel that the quality of instruction will be adversely impacted if these cuts are allowed to take place. They have asked the school board to reconsider the boundary changes and to rework them so that they will not undermine the school's instructional programs. If you have an opinion on this, you should direct your concerns to **Gary A. Reese, Fairfax County School Board, 10700 Page Ave., Fairfax, Virginia 22030**, phone: 246-3062, email: [board@burkholder.fcps.k12.va.us](mailto:board@burkholder.fcps.k12.va.us) and/or Dr. **Loretta C. Webb, School Superintendent, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, Virginia 22027**.



# Neighborhood Watch!

## New Leadership

By Richard Borneman, Neighborhood Watch Committee Chair, 707-0394

**A Sincere Thanks** Steve Spero, who graciously volunteered his time, experience, and service as a fellow neighbor to undertake and lead this program as our committee chair will be moving from our neighborhood at the end of this month. On behalf of Armfield residents, I would like to thank Steve for his community concern and for starting the ground work to push this program forward. Best wishes to Steve, Robin, and their two children, Erica and JP.

As the former co-chair, I have accepted the responsibility of continuing the efforts Steve began last year to organize and reinstate our Neighborhood Watch Program. There is a lot to do and with the support of the committee members and the community I hope this will become a reality before the Fall.

**First Steps** As previously reported there are two events coming up in the near future that must happen to start our Neighborhood Watch. First, a training class will be conducted by the Fairfax County Police for all members of the committee. I will be contacting the 17 residents who attended the October kick-off meeting later this month to give you specifics, but expect a training date around mid-May. I would also like to invite anyone who may be interested in getting involved to contact me so we can get you scheduled as well.

The second event will be our first official committee meeting, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, **May 12, 7:00 pm**, at Lees Corner Elementary school. All homeowners are welcome to attend. I plan to invite **Officer Jennifer Lescallett** to each of our meetings to update the committee and the community on area vandalism, gang activity, trends, and other items of interest. The committee will meet once every two months.

**Communication is key** I would greatly appreciate any communication about the program you would like to share. Besides reaching me by my home phone, I have set up an email account so you can communicate with me on-line. I would love to hear from all of my neighbors and, if you prefer, you need not leave your name. You can email me at: **Armfield\_watch@aol.com** I will be checking the account about twice a week.

**Keep a Watch Out** I can not emphasize enough the role each of us in the community can play in keeping our families, neighbors, property, and belongings safe. If you can't participate in the program as a committee member, please remember you can participate as a community member. Always report suspicious activity, the police encourage and support neighborhood programs and they will gladly send an officer by for a look.

**Police Non-emergency:**

**691-2131**

**Emergencies,  
Life threatening situations or an immediate  
danger:**

**911**

Dear Homeowner:

It's time for the annual Armfield Farm Swim Team flower sale. Proceeds for this event help defray the costs of running the swim team. The flowers are long lasting and will help beautify the neighborhood throughout the summer. If a whole flat seems like too many flowers, why not split one with a friend. Please don't let us down. Order forms and checks may be dropped off at Marie Vanderhoof's at 13624 CLary Sage Drive or Cheryl Caslavka at 13606 Brockmeyer Court. Any questions - please call Marie Vanderhoof on 471-4906. Thanks for your support!

## The Armfield Farm Swim Team

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### FLOWER ORDER FORM

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT OF YOUR ORDER \_\_\_\_\_

#### FLATS

Geraniums in 4 ½ in pots \$4.00

Bronze Leaf Begonias \$14.00

\_\_\_\_\_ white \_\_\_\_\_ red \_\_\_\_\_ pink

\_\_\_\_\_ red \_\_\_\_\_ white \_\_\_\_\_ pink

Green Leaf Begonias \$14.00

\_\_\_\_\_ white \_\_\_\_\_ red \_\_\_\_\_ pink

Impatiens \$14.00\*\*

\_\_\_\_\_ red \_\_\_\_\_ white \_\_\_\_\_ lilac  
\_\_\_\_\_ orange

Petunias \$14.00

\_\_\_\_\_ white \_\_\_\_\_ red \_\_\_\_\_ purple

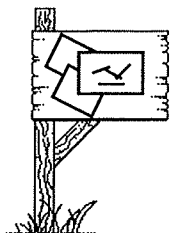
Marigolds \$14.00

\_\_\_\_\_ yellow \_\_\_\_\_ orange

\*\*Plants prefer shade to partial shade

Order forms are due no later than April 15 !!

Please don't forget to fill in the number of plants you want and make your checks payable to the Armfield Farm Swim Team. Orders will be ready for pickup on Saturday May 2 Between 9:00 and 11:00.



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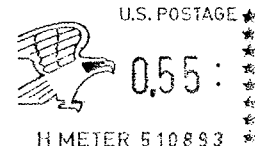
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## On the Calendar...

Board meetings are held on every third Tuesday of the month and open to all residents. During the summer, meetings are held at the pool house; otherwise, at Armstrong Management Services' offices, located at 3959 Pender Drive, Suite 205, Fairfax.

### HOA Board Meetings

Apr 21 Annual Meeting & Elections  
May 19  
Jun 16

Flower Sale Orders Due ..... Apr 15  
1st Swim Team Signup ..... April 21  
2nd Swim Team Signup ..... May 2  
Community Yard Sale ..... May 9  
Neighborhood Watch ..... May 12  
Pool Opens ..... May 23